COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, *the* *7th of August 1929.* / *23rd of Karkadagam 1104.*

The House met at Half-past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar, E. Ikkanda Warriar, S. S. Koder, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan, K. Mohamed Seethi, Ouseph P. Kundukulam and I. Raman Menon were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Tools in the Government Trades School, Trichur.

241. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state if any of the tools referred to in question No. 621 (b) of Legislative Session of 1104 is missing;

(b) if so, what are they;

(c) what is the price of each, what is the explanation, if any, for the missing ones?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Text-Books.

242. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) whether the Malayalam text-books prescribed for this academical year are to continue for a certain fixed number of years, and if so, for what period;

(b) whether the Government are aware that unhealthy competition is cropping up between the various editors and publishers of text-books;

(c) whether they propose to edit and publish books themselves hereafter, in order to avoid this competition among the publishers and its consequent evil effects;

(d) whether they are satisfied with the conduct of the members of the Text-Book Committee and the Board of Studies, in the matter of selection of Malayalam text-books recently for the classes 1, 2, 3 and 4;

(e) whether it was as a sort of compromise between publishers of two different sets of text-books that the Board of Studies finally decided to accept two books of each set?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) The books have been prescribed for the current year only, and the question of their continuance will depend on the decision of Government.

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